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THE DAWN OF THE NEW YEAR

Silver were the morning hours of January 1, 1945 in Menlo Park. A tardy moon glittered in the black mesh of branches of the oak tree; star dust shimmered in the northern skies and on the frosted roofs; fields sparkled as each blade of meadow grass was freshly starched with frost.

The dawn of the New Year, a New Year whose 365 days are a potent force to be mobilized by the 131,669,275 people of the United States, farmers, laborers, businessmen and housewives. Days to be used as they are used by the armed forces without self-interest, motivated only by the purpose of permanent peace through complete victory.

Each day the war is prolonged the role of the civilian assumes greater importance, and the greater the importance of his role, the greater must be his willingness to sacrifice, but unlike the serviceman, his sacrifice involves only the comforts of life, not life itself.

So with the days of 1945 let us go forward through victory to peace.

TWELFTH NIGHT

Twelfth Night, January 6, is the evening of the Epiphany, or the twelfth night after Christmas. In the gala celebrations of the Old World, it was on that festival that a cake was baked containing a bean or sometimes a coin. Pieces were passed among the guests and the one who received the bean acted as master of ceremonies for the festivities. A method puzzled sponsors might try in deciding who is to emcee their radio programs.

SAVE THE SURFACE

That half fortnight wedged in between Christmas and the New Year is like an outsize Children's hour. Like the little blue bird in the cuckoo clock, friends pop in and out at all the odd and even hours not to mention the quarters and halves. The business of keeping both the furniture and the nose dusted is a good trick if you can do it!

In that in between period almost anything can happen and usually does! This year in one household the "anything" took the insidious form of painting the kitchen, "Save the surface and you save all" we always say, and when the last rays of 1944 slanted through the little square panes of the kitchen windows catching every finger print in their beams, like the searchlights over London pinning Junkers to the black skies, we decided the moppets had put the finger on the woodwork long enough and unless we wanted our culinary headquarters looking like the contents of the prize files of Bertillion and the FBI then, THE TIME WAS NOW.

The initial move is to deploy forces and lay in a suitable (an elastic term) supply of paint, turpentine and brushes. The great mysteries of painting are: first, cellar shelves may look like the hangout of a covey of porcupines, what with paint brushes bristling about, yet there never is a brush without some trace of color that would contribute a two-tone effect to the painting about to be pulled off, or shall we say put on; second, one may return from the shop with enough quarts (enamel of course) to paint the town red, if it is red paint you are using, but halfway round the clock, and the kitchen, there comes a hurry up call for paint and more paint.

With all the necessaries assembled we wonder what Michael Angelo had that we hadn't got—as we wavered atop an applebox, balanced on the kitchen chair, we knew the answer, A LADDER! Then reversing our field we mulled over the question, "What did we have that Michael Angelo didn't?" which was the simple one dollar question, with its complicated answer of two inquisitive small fry, an investigating pup and an allergy to paint; for propelled by the aforementioned small fry the swing door swung and CONTACT! Junior, Sister, floor, Master Painter and pup were artistically speckled after the manner of trout, turkey eggs, dalmatians and such. Everyone had spots before their eyes and not the black variety but white ones, like those dotting the table in pennyante games.

The going was grim, not to say rugged, and with discretion, Nickie, the pup, shot away from there with a tail freshly tipped with white. The Master Painter muttered, "The Chinese had something when they drowned their baby GIRLS but why discriminate and stop at HALF-WAY measures, however, at the moment I'd better no toy with that thought." and he began to hum in a menacing minor melody, "Don't Fence Me In!"

Our original blueprint called for the refinishing of the woodwork only [illegible] doorjambs and cupboards [illegible] the blinding white enamel [illegible] sheet of typing paper

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Walter Barusch Dies Suddenly

Walter Barusch, 50, San Francisco advertising man, whose home was 1317 Crane street, died Monday morning, January 1 in the Palo Alto Hospital.

He was a native of Philadelphia and came to the bay area first as a newspaperman. In 1936 he was unsuccessful Democratic candidate for the assembly from San Mateo county.

He is survived by his wife, Delores Blair Barusch; his daughter, Beverly Blair Barusch; another daughter, the late Mrs. Estelle B. Freeman who died last year leaving a ten-day-old baby, Yvonne Freeman; and brothers, Harry Barusch, Sollie Barusch, and Lt. Leo Barusch, USNR.

The funeral was held Wednesday afternoon at Layng and Tinney Funeral Home in Redwood City.

Citizens' League Meeting Tonight

The Citizens' Service League, representing Southeast San Mateo County, will meet tonight, Thursday, at Stubbe's Recreation Hall, corner of Sacramento and University, E.P.A., at 8 p.m.

SGT. MYLES GILMER BACK IN STATES; COMPLETES 36 COMBAT MISSIONS

S. Sgt. Myles A. Gilmer, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Gilmer, is currently assigned to the AAF redistribution station of the Santa Ana Army Air Base after having completed 36 combat missions as a gunner aboard a B-17 in the European theater.

Sgt. Gilmer has been awarded the Air Medal with three oak leaf clusters and two battle stars. Sgt. Gilmer is credited with one enemy plane shot down. After processing here, he will be reassigned to duty within the Continental United States. Sgt. Gilmer entered the service on November 16, 1942 and went overseas in May, 1944 with the 15th Air Force.

● **Mrs. Earl Hook gave a post-holiday luncheon Wednesday at her home on Laurel street. Her guests were Mrs. Edwin Baird, Mrs. Bertha Metz, and Mrs. Bettye Walgren and her two children, Fred and Christan.**

KURLFINKES ENTERTAIN AT BUFFET SUPPER

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Kurlfinke Jr. entertained a few friends at their College avenue home New Year's Eve. The guests were members of a group which meets once a month for a social evening.

Mrs. Kurlfinke served a buffet supper — turkey, assorted salads, cake and coffee. During the evening the guests enjoyed dancing. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. Carl Waldner, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Layne and Mr. and Mrs. W. Schenkel.

Salvage Drive

Menlo Park Post, No. 443, American Legion will conduct a paper and tin drive within the incorporate limits of Menlo Park, Sunday, January 7, according to B. G. Larrecow, chairman of the salvage committee of the Legion.

Paper must be securely tied in bundles and cans flattened and placed in a convenient place for pick up. No bottles or other junk will be taken away.

Bus Stop Protests Heard; Move To Corner Desired

Protesting merchants were in force at the meeting called by the City Planning Commission and told the commissioners why the present bus stop should be moved to a location more desirable. It was the opinion of the merchants that it wasn't so much the fact that the parking zone was in the middle of the block but it was emphasized that the bus could not and did not use the space because it was too small. As H. W. Baker of the Men's shop stated, "I don't mind the parking space but the bus don't use it and when anyone attempts to park in it for a few minutes, is given a traffic tag." City Attorney said, "If the citizens are violators, the bus company is likewise guilty of a traffic violation by double parking," and added that if the space was not sufficient to accomodate the bus, it would have to be moved elsewhere.

Representing the Greyhound Bus Company was R. E. Thomas who said that the average in and out traffic in Menlo Park, figured from three months in 1944, was 11,619 and stated that if the stop was eliminated there would be no parcel service. When asked if the company would consider building a permanent station or shelter for passengers who would be forced to wait outside, he said it was not the policy of the company to do this, that this was regarded as "street car service." He told the commissioners that a far side stop, one which allows the bus to cross the intersection and park in the corner parking zones, was most desirable.

It was suggested that the present zone be moved to the corner in front of the Menlo Fruit Market and tomorrow night an empty bus will be brought from the Palo Alto station to determine the exact space required for the zone.

O'Keefe made a motion to consider the matter further at another meeting to be held January 11, after the test and figures submitted on the amount of freight handled by the local station, which was in his opinion an important item to consider.

—Read The Classifieds—

Mrs. Irene Boone Called to Rest Last Sunday

Residents of Menlo Park were shocked and saddened to learn of the sudedn death, last Sunday, of Mrs. Irene Boone. She had spent part of the afternoon visiting with friends and on returning to the home on Ravenswood Ave., where she had lived for several years with Miss Emma Noel and where they had conducted the Menlo Realty Co., she complained of not feeling well. Miss Noel telephoned at once for a doctor. Everything possible was done for her, but she died several hours later.

Mrs. Boone was the widow of R. E. Boone, and two sons, Wm. G. Boone of Memphis, Tenn., and Robert Boone of Tuscaloosa, Ala., survive her. A sister, Mrs. Rose Beatty also lives in Tuscaloosa.

Mrs. Boone was a member of Post 443, American Legion Auxiliary, members of which organization held Ritual Service at Layng and Tinney Funeral Home, Monday night. Mrs. Margaret Gale read the prayer and Mrs. Louis Casaretto, accompanied at the organ by Mrs. A. T. Carolle, sang 'Beyond the Shadows."

A group from the Menlo Player's Guild of which Mrs. Boone was a much beloved member, attended the service.

Miss Noel will accompany the body of her friend to Tuscaloosa, where the funeral service will be held.

Your City's Business

By Charles P. Burgess

In the two preceding articles in this series we have accounted for 86 per cent of the property tax dollar used for general county needs. Of the remainder, over half is for construction of public buildings, acquisition of land, and service of the bonded debt. About a fourth is for miscellaneous purposes and the final fourth is the "unbudgeted reserve".

One of the largest county departments, however, does not affect the property tax rate at all. This is the "Special Road Improvement" division, charged with the upkeep of county roads and bridges in the unincorporated areas under the supervision of the county engineer. This department is supported by an allocation of gasoline taxes and motor vehicle license fees from the State, and by traffic fines. The current year budget contemplates that the gasoline tax allocation will provide 65 per cent of the revenue of the Special Road Improvement Fund, and motor vehicle fees 27 per cent.

Expenditures of the department were $398,000 in 1941-42, $261,000 in 1942-43, $312,000 in 1943-44, and are budgeted at $436,000 in 1944-45. Included this year is $31,000 for administration, $155,000 for highways, roads, bridges and structures, $200,000 for additions and betterments, and $50,000 for capital outlays. I do not have the break-down for 1944-45, but last year two-thirds of the budget was allocated to the maintenance of county roads and one third to maintenance of streets of subdivisions in the unincorporated areas.

Due to gasoline rationing, the county budget anticipates gasoline tax revenue this year only 65 per cent of that of three years ago. Other revenues have been fairly well maintained. If the present revenue sources should prove inadequate for the purpose, the county could levy a special property tax in the unincorporated areas only.

The State apportions to counties on the basis of motor vehicle registration a little less than 32 per cent of the $3 (more for trucks) motor vehicle license fees. (Cities receive no state apportionment from this source.) Counties are also apportioned one cent of the three cent gasoline tax after deducting the cost of collection. Each county receives $30,000 annually, and the remainder is apportioned according to motor vehicle registration.

Of the remaining two cents, one-quarter cent is expended by the State Division of Highways on state highways inside cities, and another cent-and-a-half on state highways irrespective of city boundaries. The remaining one-quarter cent is allocated to cities on the basis of population, to be spent by the cities on designated "streets of major importance." Many students of municipal affairs believe that the city allocations of one-quarter cent is inequitable compared with the county share four times as great as some 73 per cent of California's population lives inside incorporated cities, and as city streets carry the bulk of our motor traffic excluding that on state highways.

Were the division to be three-quarters of a cent to the counties ane one-half cent to the cities, the additional revenue accruing to the City of Menlo Park would be equivalent to approximately 10 cents per $100 on the tax rate. The apathy of the city voter (presumably due to lack of understanding of the principles involved) has been given as the reason no change has yet been made in the division of this state subvention.

(Next week The County Library)

First High School To Be Located On East Side Of Menlo Park

ED NOTE: The following information was prepared by A. C. Argo, Superintendent of the Sequoia High School district. It is the intention of the trustees to release the correct information to the taxpayers in this district so they may know what is being done to make way for additional high school facilities and their reasons why the first of the two proposed plants will be erected in the area between Menlo Park and East Palo Alto.

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Because of the predicted growth in the southern end of the district and the need for securing a site while acreage of a desirable size is available, the Board of Trustees of the Sequoia Union High School has been making plans for securing a site in this area for a future high school plant.

Recently, at the request of the Sequoia Union High School Board of Trustees, the San Mateo County Planning Commission made a survey of growth trends. This survey shows a prospective population in the area south of Redwood City of around 130,000. At a conservative estimate of one high school pupil for every twenty-five inhabitants, there is predicted to be around 5,000 prospective high school pupils. If 1,000 are cared for in the present plant at Redwood City, there will still be around 4,000 pupils for which high school education must be provided in the southern end of the district. Because 3,000 pupils is the largest enrollment that can effectively be educated in one plant, two plants must be build in time. One plant located in the center of the southern portion of the district would interfere with proper provision for future growth. These school plants must be located to care for areas where there will be the largest population to reduce transportation costs. One obviously should be located in the eastern and one in the western section of the southern end.

At present the eastern area has the largest population and here the desirable sites are the hardest to secure. This school to be of the greatest use should care for the area including Ravenswood, East Palo Alto and North Palo Alto as well as the area including Menlo Park. According to Dr. Chas. Bursch, Chief of the Division of Schoolhouse Planning, State Department of Education and the San Mateo County Planning Commission, "A site between these two areas is most desirable. The Donohoe site, located on Ringwood Road and Middlefield Road, has been highly recommended." The Board of Trustees is giving serious consideration to this recommendation and has consulted representative citizens of the southern end of the district. It is expected that some desirable site will be purchased in this area in the near future. Later the Board will look for a site in the western portion of the southern end of the district.

"Community Aviation" Topic at PTA Meeting

Menlo Park P.T.A. will hold a meeting at Central School auditorium Friday, January 12 at 8 p.m.

Mrs. Eleanor Freeman Collins will be the principal speaker. Her topic will be "Aviation in our Community." Mrs. Collins has compiled material of the text used on this subject in the 7th and 8th grades at Central school. Work done by pupils in both these grades will be on display at the meeting. Anyone interested in this subject, is invited to attend and fathers of the pupils will be especially welcome.

The executive board will meet Thursday, January 4 (today) at 2 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Carl Noller, 624 Fremont street.

Menlo Park P.T.A. members are invited to attend a meeting of the Las Lomitas P.T.A. which will be held Friday, January 5 at 2 p.m. at Las Lomitas school.

Joint Meeting

Las Lomitas and Menlo Park P.T.A. school groups are joining for the annual public health meeting to be held Friday afternoon, January 5 at 2:30 at Las Lomitas school.

The speaker of the afternoon will be Mrs. Roger Barker of Stanford University who will speak on practical phases of mental hygiene. Mrs. Barker has done extensive work in testing intelligence and personality and has acted as a consultant on personality problems.

Hostesses for the day will include Mrs. David Nielson, Mrs. R. Carlson, Mrs. David Bohannon and Mrs. Earle Carder.

All members and friends are invited to attend this meeting and arrangements have been made to care for younger children.

ASSOCIATION FOR BLIND TO DEMONSTRATE AT WOMENS' CLUB MEETING

At the January meeting of the Menlo Park Womens' Club, which is to be held on Tuesday, January 9, at the social hall of the Presbyterian Church, two representatives of the National Transcribers Association for the Blind will demonstrate the writing of braille and tell of the work of the association. The work of the association increases daily with the additional need for the inscription of literature in braille, due to the increased number of blind as a result of the war.

Mrs. Charles Oram is in charge of the program and hostesses for the afternoon include Mrs. L. E. Cutler, Mrs. Jay T. Cooper, Mrs. John Downes and Mrs. J. William Ryan.

Mr and Mrs. Earl Hook Celebrate Silver Wedding Anniversary

Over two hundred guests attended the 25th wedding anniversary reception and tea which Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hook gave at their home on Laurel street Sunday afternoon, December 31. The invitations read, 2 to 5 o'clock but guests were still coming at 7 o'clock, Sunday night.

Friends whom Mr. and Mrs. Hook hadn't seen for many years, came to wish them many happy returns of the day. The 25th, is the silver anniversary and Mrs. Hook received many beautiful gifts. Her husband presented her with a starter set of Lennox dinner service china. Several days after the reception, gifts were still being delivered to the Hook home from out of town friends and from those living in other states.

The dining room table was covered with a Belgian damask cloth which Mrs. Hook has had since her marriage. Tall, white candles were arranged around the big, three-tiered wedding cake which was made for the occasion at the Burlingame Bakery owned by Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Minor, whose home is on Flood Circle.

Smilax from Mrs. Hook's own garden was twined around the base of the cake.

Pouring tea were Mesdames Edwin Baird of Redwood City; G. E. Jerry Young, L. R. Steig, Bertha Metz of Seattle and Mrs. John Eshleman, Selby Lane, Atherton.

During the afternoon, Mrs. Bettye Walgren, former radio star and composer, played the concert grand piano and sang several solos.

Among the guests were Mr. Hook's brothers and sisters-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hook and their daughter Barbara of Vacaville and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Hook and daughters Carol and Sally of Oakland. Executives of the American Trust Company Peninsula Banks were also present.

Mrs. Hook wore a white silk jersey dress trimmed with patch pockets of gold sequins. She wore gold earrings and her slippers were gold and white satin.

The Hooks were married in Biggsville, Illinois at a church wedding. Mrs. Hook's mother, Mrs. W. A. Stewart gave a dinner following the wedding at which 100 guests were present. The newlyweds went to Washington State for their honeymoon. Both of their sons, Earl Stanley and Lt. Wm. Stewart Hook, (now in the U.S. armed forces) were born in Colfax, Washington.

Earl Hook was manager of the Menlo Park American Trust Company Bank for several years. Later he held the same position with the Burlingame branch and is now manager of the American Trust Company Bank in Broadway.

Mrs. Hook is president of Rainbow de Molay Mother's Club in Redwood City and is a member of Daughters of the Nile Patrol in San Francisco.

New Years day Mr. and Mrs. Hook attended the Shrine East-West game in San Francisco and that evening were guests of honour at two parties. The first, a cocktail party given by Dr. and Mrs. Troy Daniels and later a dinner party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Witt.

Trinity Episcopal Church Officers Elected

Sunday, December 31, at the annual Parish Meeting of members of the Trinity Episcopal Church, of which Reverend Charles E. Fritz is rector, the following were elected and appointed:

Vestrymen — Messrs. DeLancey Lewis, Thomas G. Packham, Geo. Angus Jr., Orion J. Hurlbut, Alfred Walker, W. Stanley Pearce, Leander Hamilton and Ralph H. Emerson.

Officers—Senior Warden DeLancey Lewis; Junior Warden, W. Stanley Pearce; Treasurer, Orion J. Hurlbut; Clerk, George Angus Jr. Delegates to the Diocesan Convention to be held at Grace Cathedral in San Francisco January 23 include, George Angus Jr., W. Stanley Pearce and Mrs. Geoffrey Almy; Alternates, Mr. DeLancey Lewis, Ralph H. Emerson and Mrs. John Fennacy.

Delegates to the women's meetings of the convention are Mesdames Arthur Hill, Sanford Backus, W. P. Gulick, Alfred Walker, and S. L. Hynson; Alternates, Mesdames Dorothea Morgan, Grant Moore, Charles E. Fritz, John Smith and Miss Evelyn Poole.

Installation of Officers.

The installation of new officers will take place at the January business meeting of the Womens' Auxiliary of Trinity Episcopal Church which will be held on Monday, the 8th at the Parish House.

Those taking office include Mrs. Geoffrey Almy, president; Mrs. S. L. Hynson, vice president; Mrs. W. F. Jewett, treasurer; Mrs. Charles E. Fritz, recording secretary and Mrs. John Smith, corresponding secretary.

● **George Terhune will go to Mountain View tonight to receive his third degree in the Fraternal Order of Odd Fellows.**

Biography In Miniature

Mrs. Margaret Jane Gale

Mrs. Margaret Jane Gale has been a resident of Menlo Park since 1886. Her father, John Brophy and her mother, Bridget Carroll were born in Ireland. They were married in New Orleans June 8, 1850 and later, came across the plains with a covered wagon train. On the trip overland, their two-year-old daughter was missing and after hours of frantic search, the distracted parents came to the conclusion that the child had been stolen by Indians. They found her later, fast asleep in one of their big cooking pots. The Brophys reared a family of 11 children.

On reaching California, they went to the mines in Shasta county Later, they moved to Hayward, Alameda county, where Margaret was born. She attended the Palomaris Canyon School which was built on land donated by her father. Brophy sent wheat to the Sperry Flour company and took other ranch produce to San Francisco where it was sold by barter. At one time, he was offered a lot on the corner of Market and Montgomery streets, where the Palace Hotel now stands, in exchange for a cow. As the lot was little more than a marsh, he refused, considering the cow more valuable. The family later moved to Pleasanton.

Margaret Brophy was married to A. W. Gale, August 1, 1886 at St. Peter's in San Francisco and came to Menlo Park on their wedding day. On their arrival, they were met at the S. P. depot by Mrs. Isabelle Smith and her two daughters, the late Mrs. August Johansen and Mrs. Harry Dick who became life-long friends.

Until her husband completed the home he was building for his bride on Glenwood avenue, the family lived on Chestnut street. Margaret Gale has lived in her present home for 52 years. She is a member of Post 443, American Legion Auxiliary, Spanish War Veteran's Auxiliary, St. Joseph's Mother's Club and National Council of Catholic Women.

The Gales reared 7 children, Sue, Marguerite, (Mrs. Harry Doughty) Walter, Arthur, who died several years ago, Lida (Mrs. David Moore) Dorothy, (Mrs. Fred Redding) and Anita who died in early childhood. Mrs. Gale will celebrate her 80th birthday this month.

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ED. NOTE: This is a new feature written by Edna Crane-Burchfield of the Recorder staff and will include newcomers as well as the old-time interesting people of Menlo Park.

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MUSING & MEANDERING

By Edna Crane-Burchfield

An amusing Christmas story comes from New York. Frederick Jaegel, the Metropolitan opera tenor, who sang during the recent grand opera season in San Francisco, took his two boys, five and seven years old to Christmas High Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York. This church has a magnificant regular choir and at the Christmas Mass, four or five singers from the Metropolitan Opera sang with them.

The Jaegel youngsters have practically been reared in opera houses all over the country and they know good singing when they hear it. But it was their first time in a cathedral.

Seated in a front pew, they listened with deep appreciation and when the "Kyrie" was finished, they both stood, faced the choir loft and yelled—"Bravo—Bravo—Encore!"

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A New York columnist devoted a paragraph last week to George Bernard Shaw's latest quip. It was, as usual a barbed insult directed at some feather-brained female.

Much of the insult in Shaw's satirical digs, may be forgiven because of the priceless wit they contain. People expect this sort of thing from Shaw and he gives it to them. Alexander Woollcott had the same trait and there was a great deal of that tendency in Mark Twain.

Shaw can turn his caustic wit on himself. For example, when he was being interviewed for an American newspaper he told the reporter "You must not suppose, because I am a man of letters, that I have not tried to make an honest living."

Once, when he was directing Mrs. Pat Campbell in one of his own plays—putting the cast through a gruelling rehearsal and lashing out with blistering invective, she said to him—"George, God help all women, if anyone ever throws you a hunk of raw meat."

He left Hollywood celebrities hanging over the ropes. Screendom's petted darlings didn't like his candid come-backs, a little bit. They were used to grovelers.

It almost gives one intellectual standing to be insulted by the rapier-tongued old leaf-eater. Just as in France, it secured one's social position to be the model for a caricature by Sen, cruel as his pictures were. Shaw was delightful in his answer to the dancer, Isadora Duncan, whose brains certainly were in her feet. Dressed in her flowing Greek robe, she fluttered up to him at a public reception and gushed—"Oh Mr. Shaw, what a pity you can not marry me. Just think of children with my beauty and your brains." And Shaw answered—"True, dear lady, but wouldn't it be a catastrophe if they got my beauty and your brains."

It took an American woman, Lady Randolph Churchill, to set the old vegetarian back on his heels. She had sent Shaw an invitation to dinner and he curtly refused, saying—"I never accept dinner invitations—I dislike sitting at a table on which lies the carcass of some dead animal. You know my habits." She wrote back—"I know nothing about your habits, but your manners are atrocious."

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Our Menlo Theatre is starting the New Year with two fine pictures. On January 10 - 11, the manager is bringing back "Lost Horizon" with Ronald Coleman and a fine supporting cast. I want to see it again, just to watch that amazing scene where the actress, Margo, changes in full view of the audience, from a young and beautiful girl to a terrible, withered old crone.

On January 14, the Menlo Theatre brings a new picture which is now playing to capacity audiences in San Francisco, Deanna Durbin in "Can't Help Singing." It is her first technicolor and one of the finest things she has done. Robert Paige and Akim Tamiroff play important roles and the muisc is by Jerome Kern.

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I don't see why someone in this town doesn't organize an orchestra. We have plenty of talent. I could name, off hand, a dozen people who play some sort of musical instrument. It wouldn't have to be a symphony orchestra. The members wouldn't have to play classical music at all unless they wanted to or wouldn't have to buy expensive orchestrated scores—at least, not at the start. They could play soprano and alto notes from any music. The Century Music Co. has a large catalog of popular and classical music for twenty cents a copy and its just possible that the same company has orchestrated scores.

There may be a children's orchestra at Central School. I have a vague idea that I've heard something about one. If there is, let's hear from them.

The Menlo Player's Guild has several members who play musical instruments. They bring them to meetings, gather around the piano and play. The members as a whole enjoy these impromptu performances. It's one way to get youngsters interested in music. Practice hours don't seem so tedious to them if they are practicing to play with other young people. Some grown-up could direct them and several older members actually playing in the orchestra with the children would encourage them. It sounds good on paper at any rate.

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I often wonder if all women fall for those little gadgets which are sold by golden-tongued demonstrators at booths in department stores. I am a sucker for any and all of them. The salesmen work the contraptions with such amazing ficility. It looks so easy. I know perfectly well that I won't be able to get them to work at all when I get them home, but still I buy them. Queer looking instruments that cut potatoes in lattice like slices and make a radish look like a rose bud. I fell for that one and it is now reposing, covered with rust, in the bottom drawer of some kitchen closet, and I cut vegetables with a ten cent knife from Bruce's. My patent onion slicer was a neighborhood joke. I was never able to slice onions with it, but Leo Dunn fastened it to my radio and cut out all station interference. I got my money's worth out of that one.

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In the reign of James I of England, Henry Wotten, England's ambassador to Germany, wrote—"An ambasador is an honest man, sent abroad to lie for the good of his country." He very nearly lost his head as a result. Mary Stuart's slithering son James, had absolutely no sense of humor.

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Shortly after Tom Kearney resigned as Chief of Police in Menlo

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YOSEMITE SKI-GAINED

Last week end ald Father Time completed another lap in his marathon about the globe and found his record for swiftness hung up by skiiers speeding daringly down precipitous declivities to the gentle slopes and snowy levels of Yosemite Valley. Among those who were high (3,985 feet elevation at Yosemite) New Year's Eve was Loretta Helfrich, who spent the past week at Yosemite Lodge enjoying the winter sports and returned in time to resume her studies at Stanford and catch a glimpse of her sister, Mary Helfrich, who as a career girl, has headed down to Palm Springs to take on an important new position. Loretta and Mary are the daughters of Mr. and Mrs. William Helfrich.

HOLIDAY HOUSEGUESTS

Holiday houseguests of Mrs. Robert A. McDonald at her home in Atherton were Mr. and Mrs. John Martin who journeyed down from their ranch home in Northern California to enjoy festivities with Mrs. McDonald and her wee daughter Susan and Nancy.

The Martins and Mrs. McDonald were among the gay throng who enjoyed the dinner dance at the Menlo Circus Club on New Year's Eve.

Mrs. Martin is the mother of Lt. McDonald, USNR, who is stationed at Dallas, Texas, and was unable to join his family for the holidays.

LITTLE CHRISTMAS

Little Christmas, Saturday, January 6, just 12 days after Christmas day, is the date of the January meeting of the Catholic Women's Literary Guild, to be held in the library of the Corpus Christi Monastery.

The afternoon's program begins at 2:15 with the recitation of the rosary chaplet. A business meeting will follow at which plans will be made for the coming year and a report on the Candlelight Tea given by the Guild in December.

Illustrating Franz Wefel's statement that "The novel is the epic form of our age", Mrs. Phillip Miebach will review several recent novels of outstanding value, among them "Golden Rose" by Pamela Hinkson; "No More Than Human" authored by Maura Loverty, and Dr. A. J. Cronin's latest volume, "Green Years," which according to Mrs. Miebach, is structurally the best of Cronin's many fine works.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

January 18 has been selected by Mrs. Clarence Musto as the date on which she will move to her new home in Atherton on Patricia Drive and Stockbridge. January 18, because it was on that date some years ago that Mrs. Musto moved into her San Francisco home on Vallejo and Divisadero, a home so filled with happiness that January 18 is becoming the traditional day for any chance of address in the Musto family.

Mrs. Musto's son-in-law and daughter, Dr. and Mrs. Edmond F. Morrissey, and their children, Skip, Kathleen and Phillip, will reside in Mrs. Musto's former home in the City.

"DEAR RUTH"

In the Christmas issue of Time magazine, the drama department included a glowing review of Moss Hart's current play, "Dear Ruth," being produced on Broadway by Joseph M. Hyman and Bernard Hart as the play in which Virginia Gilmore, daughter of Mrs. Ladymay of Atherton, plays the stellar and name role. The review is complete with a picture of "Ruth" which bears out Time's statement that "Dear Ruth" has the straight Broadway virtue of smooth casting.

Virginia, who also has starred in Hollywood productions, in private life is Mrs. Youl Bryner.

Her young brother, Don, a student at the Menlo School and Junior College, has tread the boards as a magician and his skillfull performances have been enjoyed by many localites.

CHRISTMAS, 1945

The Karl B. Baldwins started the new year right by celebrating not only the first day of 1945, but also Christmas of 1944. They had postponed opening their Christmas gifts until they could be joined by their son, Warren, who is stationed at Camp Muroc, so when Warren arrived with the new year is was the signal for a double celebration.

With the Baldwins for the holiday, were Mr. Baldwin's mother, Mrs. Mary Baldwin of Alameda, and Mr. and Mrs. Harold G. Foster of Stockton. The Baldwin's older son, Ensign Karl Baldwin, is in the South Pacific.

FOR GOODNESS SAKE

What with red points synonymous with "vanishing points," here is a helpful recipe suggested by Mrs. Frank Mahoney, whose special dishes are favorites with her epicurian friends.

The recipe it titled "Fish Puffs", and any other denizon of the deep may be substituted if the following fish are among "those who got away."

Three lbs. of trout, boned and skinned; 1½ lbs. of white fish, boned and skinned; 1½ lbs. of pike, boned and skinned; 2 stalks of celery chopped fine, parsley, red pepper pods; 3 medium onions; 2 carrots, sliced; one-quarter cup of cracker crumbs; 1 cup cold water; 3 beaten eggs; 1 teaspoon baking powder; salt and white pepper

Wash heads and skins of fish, combine with celery, parsley, red pepper pods and carrots, cover with water and cook in covered kettle for 30 minutes. Grind fish and onions, using finest blade of meat grinder; soak cracker crumbs in cup of cold water and add to fish with beaten eggs and baking powder. Mix, season. Dip hands in cold water and shape fish into balls. Drop into boiling broth, cover and cook for 2 hours. Remove balls, pour strained broth over them, chill and serve on lettuce leaf.

IT ISN'T OFFICIAL BUT

It isn't official but we understand the highlight of the Christmas holiday for Walter Fritz, son of Reverend and Mrs. Charles E. Fritz, came January 2. Believe it or not, at 7:30 a.m. Tuesday morning, Walter was waiting for the Interdale school bus and when it failed to appear, a check and double check showed that the Interdale School reopened January 3, so Walter and his father, Reverend Fritz jaunted to San Francisco to enjoy the extra day of vacation.

REUNION IN 1945

This week the Navy and Army staged a 1945 reunion in the Samuel L. M. Cole home on Felton Drive in the persons of Lieutenant-Commander Cole and Captain Alden Clarke, USA, former classmates at Harvard who have not seen each other in the past two years.

Captain and Mrs. Clarke, who make their home in Santa Monica, are the houseguests of Commander and Mrs. Cole. Commander Cole arrived home the day after Christmas.

EXCHANGE SYSTEM

The law of reciprocity seems to apply to holidays in the Smith family for Mr. and Mrs. D. Lesesne Smith spent the Christmas holiday with Mr. and Mrs. Press Smith at their ranch home in Yuba City and Mrs. Press Smith returned with them to spend New Year's at the D. Lesesne Smith home in Lindenwood. Press Smith will join them this week end.

SCHOOL SET

A group of the school set were entertained at the Edward Eyre's home at an open house on New Year's Day.

MORE ABOUT THE SCHOOL SET

Speaking of the school set, after a winter holiday, pupils of the Convent of the Sacred Heart in Menlo Park return to school next Wednesday, January 10.

FULL HOUSE

It was full house the New Year week end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar S. Balzar when they had as house guests, Commander and Mrs. Daniel B. Miller and their daughter, Danelle. Commander Miller recently returned from the South Pacific.

Yesterday Mr. Balzer headed east to spend the next four weeks in snowy New York.

AROUND THE GLOBE

The family circle of the Daniel Sullivans stretches around the globe these days with two of their sons, Brawn and Francis, serving overseas in the European theater and their daughter, Betty, with the Red Cross in the Hawaiian Islands. Home for the holidays were Mary, who makes her home in Carmel while she acts as Art Supervisor in the schools of Salinas; Madeleva, who just received her A.B. degree from Stanford; Joan, who is a pupil at the Convent of Notre Dame at Belmont; Wilbur, who enters Santa Clara this semester and Dan, a student at Sequoia Union High School.

NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS

The night before Christmas more than Santa Claus arrived at the John Bunting home to celebrate with Mrs. Bunting and small Susan. Mrs. Bunting's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Parkinson of Berkeley, her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. John Talt, and their small son, John Charles, and Mr. and Mrs. Elton Shaw of San Jose were guests Christmas morning. The group adjourned to the Shaw's home for a second gala celebration.

Lieutenant Bunting is serving with the U. S. Marines in the Pacific.

JANUARY WEDDING

January 26 is the date chosen for the marriage of Elizabeth Lawton and W. Boyd Weir, son of W. Boyd Weir, who for many years has been a resident of Menlo Park.

The wedding will take place in Philadelphia, Pa., at the home of the bride-elect's mother, Mrs. Samuel Welsh. Mr. Weir is leaving for the east the 18th of January.

Following their wedding trip, the young couple will make their home at Mr. Weir's Hemet ranch.

HOUSEGUEST

For the holidays, Mrs. R. E. Bly has had as her houseguest, her mother, Mrs. Bertha Kennedy of Long Beach. Little Diane and Carol Bly had an extra special Christmas celebrating with their grandmother, though missing their father, Lt. Com. Bly who is serving in the South Pacific and their aunt, Helen Kennedy, with the Red Cross in England.

HOMECOMING

There were two Christmases in the William S. Laidley home. The first was December 25 and the second, December 29 when Lt. Commander Laidley arrived home on leave for a belated Christmas celebration with Mrs. Laidley and their children, Billy and Martha, who are convinced their Daddy is a second Santa Claus and even nicer than the first.

WYOMING

It may not have been a white Christmas for Joseph B. Perry of Menlo Park, but it was a white New Year's for him in Wyoming. Mr. Perry left for Wyoming the day after Christmas and is expected to return home tomorrow.

Christmas Day the Perrys had as their guests, their son-in-law and daughter, Lt. William M. Snell, USN, and Mrs. Snell. Lt. Snell is stationed in San Francisco awaiting orders.

● **Pfc. Jack Oram who has been** in an Eastern Army Camp since September, is home on furlough at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Oram on Cotton street. Their other son Dave is "somewhere" on the high seas.

TUESDAY EVENING SERIES AT STANFORD OPENS NEXT TUESDAY

Opening the Tuesday Evening Series at Stanford for the winter quarter, Dr. Rudolph Holsti, acting professor of political science at Stanford since 1941, will speak on "Some Memories of a Diplomat" next Tuesday evening, January 9, at 7:30 o'clock in the auditorium of Memorial Hall on the campus.

An accomplished raconteur, Dr. Holsti will narrate for the Tuesday Evening Series audience numerous situations and anecdotes relating to diplomats and diplomacy.

The lecture is open to the public without admission charge.

RED CROSS NEEDS HELP TO MAKE SURGICAL DRESSINGS

There is an urgent need for workers to fold surgical dressings in the Red Cross work room on Arbor Road just off Valparaiso. Quotas are being filled for a local military hospital.

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Mrs. Clinton LaMontagne is chairman of the unit.

PRESBYTERIAN SERVICES

The Communion Service, "The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper," will be observed at the 11 o'clock service at the Menlo Park Presbyterian Church on Sunday, January 7.

Reverend Don Emerson Hall's sermon topic will be ,"A Prisoner of Your Date." New members will be received at this service. During the past year over 75 new members have been received.

"O Divine Redeemer," a duet composed by Gounod, is to be sung by Mrs. Charles Angelo and Mrs. Lloyd Van Otterendorp with Mrs. Alice Corr Kimball at the organ.

The church is located on Santa Cruz avenue, just west of El Camino. Nursery facilities are available.

LOCAL GROUP ATTENDS EAST-WEST GAME

A group from Menlo attended the East-West game in San Francisco and went later to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Reid Hall in San Francisco where they spent the week end. Monday night, Mrs. Hall served a turkey dinner. Her guests were Mr. and Mrs. Ray Fickes, Mr. and Mrs. Albin Johnson, Mrs. Joseph Horn, Connie Jean Horn, Wilma Hite, Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Podany, Sandra Fickes, Beverly Podany, Major and Mrs. Fred Koenig, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Podany and Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Claybourne.

WASHINGTON FRIENDS VISIT CARL WALDNERS

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Waldner have had as guests at their College avenue home, Mr. Waldner's cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Travis Stone who have been in San Francisco on a visit from their home in Kelso, Washington. Saturday night the Waldners took their guests to L'-Omelette for dinner.

Mrs. Waldner gave a turkey dinner New Year's Eve to which she invited Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Fairley, Duane Damon and Mrs. Ena Peterson, who had attended the Shrine East-West game that afternoon.

● **Mr. and Mrs. Carl Sundquist** had a few guests at their home on College avenue New Years for cocktails.

CLAYTON DECKER REPORTED MISSING IN ACTION

Clayton Decker, son of Eugene and the late Mrs. Decker has been reported missing in action since November 27. He is a brother of Mrs. Thelma Feeley.

● **Mr. and Mrs. Danny Daniels** held open house at their home on Princeton road New Year's Eve. Mrs. Daniels served a buffet supper, sandwiches and coffee.

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waiting for copy, the walls suddenly came down with yellow jaundice, which meant a crying demand for another two quarts.

Each tin bore the optimistic words, "Quick Drying Enamel." "Quick Drying" used to mean two hours but now it means six, the extra 240 minutes maybe war overtime. But two or six it was apparent that we and the manufacturer's didn't operate on the same meridian because six hours later found the paint as sticky as the sentimental novels of the gay nineties and even breakfast toast turned white on the edges and boasted the pervading flavor of turpentine.

A major problem of painting is what to do when the brush begins shedding bristles, like the Christmas tree is shedding needles. This is quite the opposite of the brush off and is known as "off the brush". There are two schools of thought on this one. The first suggests removing the bristles from the wall while the paint is wet, this involves sliding the bristle up to the ceiling and down to the floor before you can break it up, which also means a little (?) more brush work. The other advances the theory of letting the bristle dry in the paint, then, prying it out, this leaves a tell tale life-line like the one from which the palmist operates.

Unlike "every question," which has only two sides to it, every kitchen has four but even the amateur painter eventually surrounds the four sides with the net result, which while it never will see the Metropolitan Gallery, is a masterpiece anyway you look at it and if you are an amateur painter you'll spend all your waking hours looking at it with the admiring glances of an apprentice upon the works of the maestro.

But when it comes to home painting, we've decided the one thing every amateur painter needs is a professional to do the job twenty-four hours heretofore.

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"Slap, slap, slap went the paint brush,
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● **Joseph F. Butler, U.S. Army, son** of Mr. and Mrs. James Butler of Valparaiso Ave., returned Monday after having spent 2 years and 8 months overseas. He will enjoy 21 days leave with his parents.

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Park, a woman dashed out of the Post Office and when she saw him, she started an agitated apology for having parked her car double. Tom stopped her excited explanation and remarked—"Madame, where you park your car is no longer of any interest to me. You can turn hand-springs down the middle of the street as far as I am concerned.

* * *

Al Giannotti recently sent a letter to his little daughter Dolly, of which she was so proud that she let me read it. He described a trip through a jungle and a visit he made with 41 Navy men to a Christian Mission on Kwato Island.

Al attended services at the island Mission, founded 43 years ago by Charles Abel and his wife. Both are buried in the Memorial Chapel. He talked to one of the natives who had been reared at the Mission and mentioned that he spoke excellent English. This man took Al through the Chapel, which was built by native labor. It is made of solid stone cut with hammer and chisel and was dragged to the hilltop where the Chapel stands.

Al listened to two sermons during the services, one in English and the other in native dialect, then he apparently figured that he had had enough church for one day. He went outside and talked to a native mother of seven children while he held the smallest one in his arms.

Then he writes of having gone to another island where the natives were still pagans. Al and his crew went to the market place and bought articles from these native merchants. There was no accepting of payment in beads and other gew-gaws with this gang. They had English money price tags on everything they had for sale and they took the Navy right across the counter, financially.

Al asked a native girl if she would sell him a grass skirt and she whisked off the one she was wearing. She had a spare skirt underneath. He wanted two skirts but he says he was afraid to buy another. Leave it to Al Giannotti to work a little fun into the business of war.

● **Mrs. Catherine Quinn, Valparaiso** Ave., has been ill in the Palo Alto Hospital for the past three weeks.

SEQUOIA P.T.A. MEETING TO FEATURE EDUCATION

The Sequoia Union High School P.T.A. will hold its regular meeting on Tuesday, January 9, at 2:00 p. m. in the Girls' Club Room of the high school. A symposium on the 1945-46 curriculum will follow the business meeting. This should prove interesting and instructional. Mothers of children planning to enter the high school in the fall of 1945, should make plans to attend.

There will be a musical program and tea will be served following the meeting.

COM. RICHARD L. MOHAN ASSIGNED TO NEW CRUISER

Commander Richard L. Mohan, USN, a native of Holyoke, Mass., now residing at Menlo Park, Calif., will be the Engineer Officer of the Navy's newest heavy cruiser, the USS CHICAGO, when it is placed in commission at the Philadelphia Navy Yard on December 28.

Commander Mohan was graduated with the Naval Academy Class of 1933 and has since performed duty aboard the USS PORTLAND, a cruiser; the USS PORTER, a destroyer; the USS RANGER, an aircraft carrier; and at the Navy's Post Gradudate School, Annapolis, where he took the design course in marine engineering.

The cruiser is the third to bear the name of the Nation's second largest city. She is rated as a 13,000-ton vessel and mounts a main battery of eight-inch guns.

CORP. WILFORD ANDERSON HOME ON FURLOUGH

Marine Corporal Wilford G. Anderson, 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Anderson of 626 Cambridge avenue, has been returned from overseas and is now home on furlough. At the completion of his furlough he will report to the Marine Corps Base, San Diego, for reclassification and new assignment.

Overseas for 30 months, Corporal Anderson served with the First Marine Division, during which time he participated in the invasion of Peleliu, Palau Islands. He enlisted in the Marine Corps January, 1942.

● **Kathy Seybold, 1-year-old** daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Verne Seybold is home after spending a few days in the Palo Alto Hospital where she was under observation and treatment for burns received from the accidental spilling of hot water on the child's arm. Her condition was pronounced as not serious and she is recovering nicely.

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● **Margaret Moore and her sister** Lida May have returned to San Jose where they make their home, except for occasional week-end visits to relatives in Menlo. Both girls attend San Jose State College.

● **Elmer Hara (Mike) who, with** his family has been residing in Hillsborough for the past few years, was in Menlo one day this week, visiting old friends.

● **Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hebrank** who spend the summer at their Atherton home and the winter months at their town house in Piedmont, have returned from a month spent at Palm Springs.

● **Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Sexton** attended the East-West game in San Francisco. Following the game they enjoyed dinner and a show.

● **Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Podany** entertained a group of friends, 14 in number for dinner at Auten's, New Year's Eve. Later in the evening, the Podany's and their guests went to the Robert Gilberg home on Evelyn Way where they enjoyed dancing. At midnight, Mrs. Gilberg served a buffet supper.

● **Mrs. Rosa Pearson of Monte** Vista Ave., is in the Palo Alto Hospital with a broken hip which resulted from a fall.

● **Dr. and Mrs. Louis Rothenberg** of Fairview avenue were Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Rabitaille at their home in Palo Alto.

The Rothenbergs went to Pittsburg, California for the New Year's week end which they spent as guests of Dr. Rothenberg's sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs.. Abe Greenberg. The Greenbergs had a big dinner party Christmas night at which a number of service men were guests. They held open house Christmas night.

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The guests enjoyed games and dancing and at midnight made plenty of noise in welcome to the New Year.

Mrs. David Mosses and Miss Stella Boulware served cider, grape punch and sandwiches.

● **William Horne who has been** visiting his sister, Mrs. Emily Jones at her home on Valparaiso Ave., returned this week to Santa Rosa.

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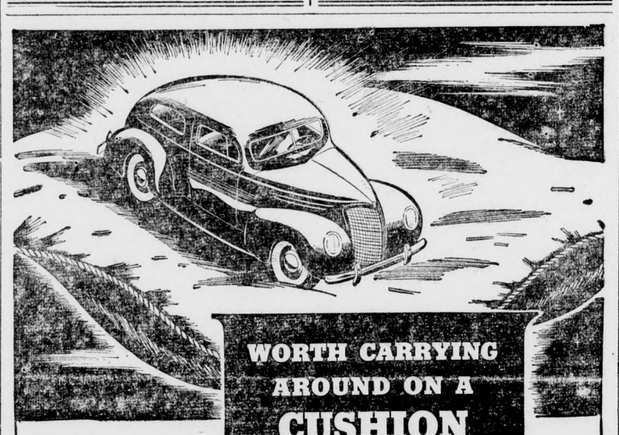

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